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Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

I am deeply grateful for the invaluable assistance provided by [redacted] of your staff over the last two months in helping to prepare a comprehensive analysis, which I've sent to the Secretary as my "end of tour report," on implications of the U.S. manufactures trade deficit. I am hopeful this report, will be given wide circulation in and out of government as a harbinger of some disturbing trends in our domestic manufacturing capability.

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[redacted] is an outstanding economist with an unusual knowledge and understanding of a very wide range of the critical economic and national security issues affecting the United States and the global economy. He is also a dedicated professional with exceptional communication skills who works whatever hours are necessary to deliver a high quality product to meet short deadlines.

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You are fortunate to have staff of the caliber of [redacted] and I have been fortunate in having the benefit of his skills and commitment to excellence for several weeks in an important understaking.

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Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Lionel H. Olmer

cc: Robert Gates



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